

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CHRISTOPHER O. SMITH,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM HUTCHINGS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-00759-GMN-BNW

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on July 28, 2022. (ECF No. 4). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay, and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation with a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 4, 7). A mediation session was held on December 16, 2022, and a settlement was not reached. (ECF No. 9).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of **Christopher O. Smith, #1105576** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District

1 of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds  
2 \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court  
3 will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will  
4 send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada**  
5 **Department of Corrections**, P.O. Box 7011, Carson City, NV 89702.

6 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and  
7 a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 5) on the Office of the Attorney General of the  
8 State of Nevada. This does not indicate acceptance of service.


9 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order  
10 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

11 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 4), within twenty-  
12 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a  
13 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it  
14 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,  
15 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address  
16 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney  
17 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve  
18 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such  
19 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney  
20 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

21 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff  
22 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a  
23 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the  
24 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address  
25 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

26 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named  
27 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the  
28 complaint (ECF No. 5) within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

10. This case is no longer stayed.

  
BRENDA WEKSLER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE